

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR SET-TOP BOXES

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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether her ministry had asked the BIS to frame specifications for `Set-Top Boxes` as reported in the Hindu dated July 14, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the Bureau of Indian Standards has drawn up technical standards for `set-top boxes`;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any committee has been set up to suggest specifications therefor;
- (e) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2002, passed by Lok Sabha on 15.5.2002, inter-alia, provides for installation of equipment required for transmission/retransmission of programmes of pay channels, through an addressable system, whose specifications are to be finalised by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

(b) & (c) : The Bureau of Indian Standards has finalised the technical specifications one for Analog Set Top Box and other for Digital Set Top Box.

(d), (e) & (f): An expert Panel on Cabled Distribution System, LTD 20/P7 was functioning under Radio Communication Sectional Committee, LTD 20 of BIS. This Panel had prepared the draft technical standards for Set Top Box which were considered and finalised by the Radio Communication Sectional Committee, LTD 20 at its meeting held on 12 July 2002.